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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PIN, MY

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY RE ONG
LOONG SHEN

REF: (A) STATE 124897; (B) STATE 82165

1. DO NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERSTAND REF A AS NO REPEAT NO REPORT REQUESTED IN REF B. HOWEVER, TO RECAP SITUATION, EMBASSY HAS NO REPEAT NO RECORD OF ONG LOONG SHEN IN ITS FILES AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY HIM OR ESTABLISH THAT HE IS UNDER DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL. REF B STATES DEPT. DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PURSUE THIS PARTICULAR CASE FURTHER, WITH WHICH WE AGREE, AND WE ARE WRITING TO ANDREW NATHAN TO REPORT OUR LACK OF SUCCESS. (COPY WILL BE POUCHED TO EA/IMS.)

2. AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL B. CHARGE' ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS HAS DISCUSSED ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY OFFICIALS INCLUDING SECRETARY GENERAL ZAKARIA AND UNDERSECRETARY RAZALEIGH ISMAIL. THEY BOTH UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE OUR CONCERN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AS DO MANY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO WHO WE HAVE TALKED AND THE MANY PRESS AND OTHERS TO WHOM USIS HAS SENT COPIES OF SECRETARY VANCE'S LAW DAY SPEECH. NEVERTHELESS, THEY POINT OUT, MALAYSIA IS FIGHTING DOMESTIC INSURGENCY ORGANIZED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA SPECIFICALLY TO OVERTHROW THE PRESENT, FREELY-ELECTED GOVERNMENT.
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AS NOTED IN OUR OTHER REPORTS, THE GOM'S SUCCESS IN CONTAINING THE INSURGENCY WITHOUT RESORT TO MARTIAL LAW OR CREATION OF A POLICE STATE HAS BEEN TO CONDUCT THE STRUGGLE ACCORDING TO THE TERRORIST'S OWN RULES. THIS MEANS THAT MANY COMMUNISTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP UNDER THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT (ISA) AND HELD SECRETLY IN ORDER TO "TURN THEM AROUND" AND TO AVOID ALERTING OTHERS IN THE APPARATUS BEFORE THEY TOO

CAN BE INTERCEPTED. ON THE OTHER HAND,THE GOVERNMENT HAS A
CONSISTENT RECORD OF RELEASING AND ASSISTING COMMUNIST
SUPPORTERS WHO SEEM GENUINELY TO HAVE RENOUNCED THEIR FORMER
BELIEFS. IT ALSO SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE
COMMUNISTS HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTIT-
UTION OF MALAYSIA AND WITH ITS LAWS, WHICH
ARE BASED ON BRITISH AND INDIAN PRECEDENTS. THE SECURITY FORCES
HAVE CAREFULLY AVOIDED EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE OR THE VICTIMIZATION
OF INNOCENT PEOPLE; THUS THE SITUATION IN MALAYSIA, MFA OFFICERS
EMPHASIZE, WHILE NOT WITHOUT PROBLEMS, IS NOT COMPARABLE WITH
THE SITUATION IN OTHER DEVELOPING STATES WHERE AUTHORITARIAN
CONTROLS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED TO SUBDUE CONSTITUTIONAL OPPOSITION
TO THE ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT.

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